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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)
Stefan HACK et al.	) Group Art Unit: 3623
Application No.: 09/609,714	) Examiner: Heck, Michael C.
Filed: June 30, 2000	) Conf. No.: 2503
For: VALUE CHAIN OPTIMIZATION SYSTEM AND METHOD	)

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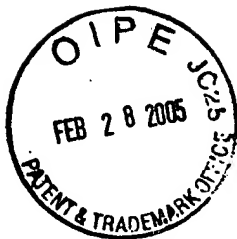Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Enclosed is a reply to the Office Action of December 7, 2004. The claims are calculated below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	65	-	65	0	x $18	$0
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					Subtotal	$0
				Reduction by ½ if small entity		
					TOTAL	$0

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Dated: February 28, 2005   By: _Naveen Modi_ (signature)
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AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action of December 7, 2004, the period for reply to which

extends through March 7, 2005, please amend the application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on

page 2 in this paper.

Remarks follow the Amendment to the Claims section of this paper and begin on

page 18.